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1. **[REDACTED]** CALLED ON KHATAM NIGHT 21 DECEMBER AND REPORTED FOLLOWING: HE IS IN CONTACT [MAJOR CESAR PAEZ SANCHEZ], FORMER CHIEF FIELD CASTRO'S ESCORT AND ASSISTANT CHE CUEVARA IN LAS VILLAS DURING URGENT ACT AGAINST BATISTA. A-1 DESCRIBES [PAEZ] AS "MUY GUAPO" (TOUGH GUY), WITH LITTLE POLITICAL CONVICTION AND SOMETHING OF A THUG. [PAEZ] CLAIMS CONTROL FIFTY IN HABANA, WHO WILL BE JOINED BY 250 MORE IN PLACETAS, LAS VILLAS. SAYS HE PLANS OPEN THREE FRONTS AGAINST CASTRO IN LAS VILLAS, ONE OF WHICH WILL WORK WITH OSVALDO RAMIREZ. HIS DEPUTY IS [LT RAMONIN QUESADA]. IN ADDITION [PAEZ] CLAIMS SUPPORT 50 ACTIVE OFFICERS IN CUBAN REBEL ARMY. BOTH [PAEZ] AND [QUESADA] ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS WITH CUT COMMAND.

2. **[PAEZ]** WHO CLAIMS LAWSUIT FOLLOWING AMONG PEOPLE IN PLACETAS AREA, SAYS HE WILL PARALYZE CUBAN SUGAR HARVEST. SAYS THAT VICTOR BORDON, WHO HAS BEEN FIGHTING ANTI-CASTRO FORCES IN LAS VILLAS, OFFERED TO COOPERATE WITH HIM, BUT [PAEZ] DOES NOT ENTITIALLY TRUST BORDON. NOR DOES HE TRUST PRIEST ANTONIO SANTIAGO RIVERA WHOM HE CLAIMS HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE

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... ANDIP-1 CONSIDERS IT IS TIME TO CALL ON [PAEZ] ⁰⁶ ...
... ANDIP-1 THINKS THAT HE HAS ESTABLISHED CONTACT
... ANDIP-1 THINKS [CARLOS VASCONCELOS] ⁰⁶ OF A RICE MILL.
3. A-1 SAYS HE HAS FUNDS TO HELP FINANCE [PAEZ] ⁰⁶ BUT RELUCTANT DELIVER
SINCE HAS MISGIVINGS ABOUT HIM. POINTS OUT MAN APPEARS AFORITICAL
AND THUS DOES NOT UNDERSTAND HIS ANTI-CASTRO POSITION. ALSO SAYS
MAN SURROUNDING HIM DISREPUTABLE LOOKING TYPES. WHILE KNAFMAN POINTED
OUT THAT WAR NOT FOUGHT BY CREAM PUFFS, CANNOT IGNORE [PAEZ] APPA-
RENTLY FLIMSY REASONS FOR OPPOSING CASTRO. HIS UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS
⁰⁶ ON SANTIAGO (WITH WHICH SCORGONY IMPRESSED), HIS ATTAINMENT FREEDOM OF
ACTION IN A TIGHT DICTATORSHIP WHEN HE CLAIMS SUPPORT 52 OFFICERS
AT LEAST ONE OF
WHOM MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO BE LOYAL TO CARTO. REQUEST
WAVE QUERY ANDIP-1 RE [PAEZ] AND FILE HIS COMMENTS BEFORE NEXT MEETING
WITH A1 ON 28 DECEMBER.

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